

REMARKS

Applicants request entry of this amendment. Claims 1-32 have been canceled without prejudice and new claims 33-55 will remain pending following entry of the amendment. This amendment is supported by the claims and specification as originally filed, and no new matter is introduced by this amendment.

Specification

Amendments to the specification are presented in the attached substitute specification to provide the suggested corrections and overcome the outstanding rejection.

Claims Objections

Applicants have canceled the objected claims and present new claims 33-55 to overcome the outstanding claim objections.

Claims Rejections

35 U.S.C. § 112 and 35 U.S.C. § 101

Applicants have canceled the claims subject to §112 and §101 rejections and present new claims 33-55 to overcome the outstanding claim rejections. Withdrawal of these outstanding rejections is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-2 and 15-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. 6,390,995 to Ogden et al. ("Ogden"). Applicants have canceled the claims subject to §102 rejections and present new claims 33-55 to overcome the outstanding claim rejections. Applicants therefore respectfully traverse and request reconsideration and withdrawal of these outstanding rejections.

With respect to new claims 33-55, Applicants respectfully submit that neither the cited reference or prior art of record anticipates treatment of a skin flap or skin graft wound area with shock waves.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

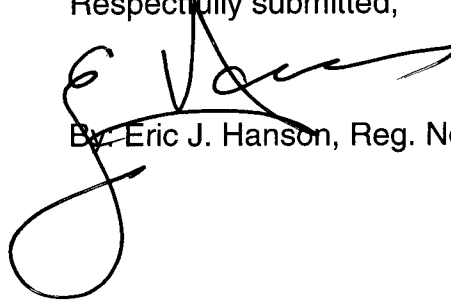
Claims 3, 17, 23-25 and 33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Ogden in view of U.S. 5,676,159 to Navis ("Navis"). Applicants have canceled the claims subject to §103 rejections and present new claims 33-55 to overcome the outstanding claim rejections. Applicants therefore respectfully traverse and request reconsideration and withdrawal of these outstanding rejections.

With respect to new claims 33-55, Applicants respectfully submit that none of the cited references in combination, including together with the prior art of record, provide predictable or enabling guidance to those of ordinary skill in the art to arrive at a method of treating a skin flap or skin graft wound area with shock waves according to the pending claims.

In view of the presented amendment and for at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Applicants' Attorney also cordially invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below if such will advance the prosecution of the instant application.

Applicants have included a petition and the requisite fee for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Such additional extension fee should also be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0206, Order No. 69643.002200. Any overpayment can be credited to Deposit Account No. 50-0206, Order No. 69643.002200. If any additional fees or extensions are due in connection with the filing of this Amendment or the accompanying papers, or otherwise in the course of prosecution of this application, the same are authorized, and please charge the fees to Hunton & Williams Deposit Account No. 50-0206, Order No. 69643. 002200.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric J. Hanson", with a large, stylized loop at the end.

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